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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : George D. BLANKENSHIP  
TITLE : **DEVICE FOR PROCESSING  
WELDING WIRE**  
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EXAMINER : Maria Alexandra Elve  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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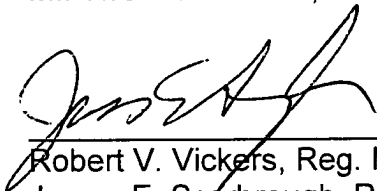
In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, setting forth a Restriction Requirement, applicant elects, without traverse, for further prosecution of the subject application, Group I, which claims are drawn to an apparatus for cleaning a wire, classified in class 219, subclass 121.19. This elected group includes original claims 1-46, shown in Figures 1, 2, and 4. Applicants withdraw claims 47-133 from consideration but reserve the right to file claims 47-133 in a divisional application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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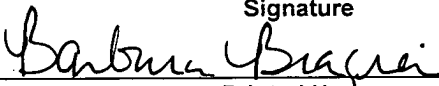
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